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My dear Prof

I take pleasure in sending you by mail to day, the pamphlet you ask for. You must make some allowance for the ~~circumstances~~ circumstances, which produced it. It was not only the result of such observations as an invalid could make without much exertion, but it was put together under similar disadvantages of ill health, &c. I, I am considerably in your debt for brochures, you need not trouble yourself to keep a postage account with me.

I am very glad to learn that you will notice Hareney's book. I did not see a copy of it until about 20 days ago, and then it was a copy which I bought. I have since received a letter from Hareney, (the good fellow) in which he mentions that he had requested Prof Henry to send me a copy. This, however, he of the Smithsonian has not yet done. Among the points to notice besides those which will occur to you at once, are, the completeness of the work up to the present time (I could add only one or two species to the list of N. American Melanosperms), so that it is all the guide necessary for the study of our plants, 2<sup>d</sup> The introduction of the Pacific plants as well as those of the Eastern coast, and I would stir up travellers (if possible) to bring home from the N. W. Coast those highly interesting forms, *Thalassiphyllum clathrus*, *Costaria Turneri*, and the extraordinary *Sarcocystis Sutkeana*, of which no specimens have yet been successfully preserved - If the small specimens were put into alcohol or Swadby's solution they might be saved. (See pp. 85 to 87) I would mention also what a rich treat the Rhodospirans will furnish when worked up by Hareney, and allude to his study of the living plants

along our coast from Halifax to Key West, and the very interesting observations made by him at the latter place. As for the beauty, accuracy, cheapness &c of the work they speak for themselves.

I have only <sup>heard</sup> of you through the Joreys since your return from Europe and was glad indeed to learn that your serious accident had caused no permanent injury. I presume now that you are an old married man you do not work quite as hard as you once did, I trust Mrs Gray will not allow you to do so.

My health is pretty fair now, and I would be off for Europe at once, if I did not fear commotions and eruptions in the political world which would make it labour lost to be on the continent for some time to come.

Mrs B. joins me in kind regards to your lady and yourself

Yours very truly,  
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